THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) The proposal for opening of the College of Nursing at JIPMER, Pondicherry is being considered in this Ministry in consultation with the Director of the Institute. The actual opening of College of Nursing will depend on the allocation of funds by the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance and fulfilment of other requirements like approval of the Indian Nursing Council.

CGHS Supply of Cineraria Maritima Succus

1706. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision has been taken recently that 50 per cent of the CGHS supply of Cineraria Maritima Succus shall be from imported consignments; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The decision was taken in view of the demand from CGHS beneficiaries for supplying imported Cineraria Maritima Succus Eye drops.

1707. (*Cancelled*)

Memorandum submitted by the extra-Departmental Employees Union

1708. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Bharatiya Postal extra-Department Employees Union had submitted their Memorandum to the Department in June, 1989; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The demands contained in the Memorandum submitted by Bharatiya Extra-Departmental Employees Union in the month of June, 1989 and the response of the Government thereto are given in the enclosed Statement. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 109]

Setting up of new Telephone exchanges in Calcutta

1709. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not affected substantial development for setting up of new telephone exchanges or for replacement of existing exchanges of Calcutta Telephones with new electronic system during the Eighth Five Year Plan period compared to what has been done in Bombay, Delhi, Madras Telephones;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with comparative chart indicating proposed allocation of exchanges in above named towns/cities; and

(c) what further steps are proposed to be taken to improve the system of Calcutta Telephones ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following steps are being taken to improve the system of Calcutta Telephones :—

(i) Replacement of manual and stronger exchanges;

(ii) Installation of PCM and optical fibres for junctions;

(iii) Replacement of old cables;

(iv) Construction of ducts; and

(v) Replacement of faulty instruments.